

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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| JOHN L. LOTTER, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | 4:04CV3187 |
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| V. |) | |
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| ROBERT HOUSTON, Warden, |) | ORDER |
| Tecumseh State Correctional Center, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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The Cline-Williams firm represents Petitioner together with Mr. Brennan. I have done additional research regarding the fact that Laura Hegge (one of my law clerks) and Bren Chambers(Judge Zwart's law clerk) once worked for the Cline-Williams firm as associates.

After that additional research, Judge Zwart and I have concluded that in the exercise of our discretion that Ms. Hegge and Mr. Chambers should not work on this matter and that it is advisable to screen them. Cf. Advisory Opinion No. 51, available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesandPolicies/CodesofConduct> (click on Published Advisory Opinions). Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Hegge and Mr. Chambers shall do no work on this case¹ and they shall be screened from discussions regarding this matter.²

DATED this 1st day of July, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

Richard G. Kopf
United States District Judge

¹It is beyond dispute that the disqualification of a federal judge's law clerk *does not* work a disqualification of the federal judge.

²Neither Ms. Hegge nor Mr. Chambers have done any work on this case.